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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

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Assessment and Evaluation StaffI. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

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II. OTHER ITEMS

1. On 23 October, the day after the beginning of the Cuban crisis, [redacted] received a long-distance call from [redacted], 25X1A New York City expert in programmed instruction, offering extensive programmed material in basic electronics to the Agency for try-out. TSD Training had seen, and shown interest in, these materials when they were still under development almost two years ago. [redacted], de 25X1A by his publisher from publishing the first four volumes of material until the remaining seven are completed, thought, in view of the crisis, that we might wish either to send a student to New York to work through the materials, or to have him send us mimeographed stencils of the texts which we could then run off and give to several students here in Washington. He offered either service free of charge, but did ask that we give him our reaction, and results, and permit him to say that we had tried out the materials and to quote whatever we had found. [redacted] 25X1A checked with [redacted], OC Training Officer; [redacted] Chief, TSD Training; and [redacted], TSD, 25X1A and found that all are interested in the published material, but at least at present, are not able to provide guinea pigs for a try-out. [redacted] 25X1A was notified accordingly.

2. On 25 October, [redacted] met with [redacted] and Dr. David [redacted] 25X1A [redacted] programming specialist from the [redacted] to discuss the ways in which [redacted] might contribute to the development of training materials for NPIC. [redacted] felt that his organization was [redacted] 25X1A

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well suited for analysis of training problems of the sort currently faced by NPIC and the development of representative training materials and approaches for meeting these problems. This would include, of course, programmed materials wherever these seemed most appropriate. One problem is that none of the [REDACTED] staff is cleared through TOP SECRET, which may delay their support for 90 days. Another problem is that we have no clear idea of the extent to which [REDACTED]'s help will be needed. Dr. [REDACTED] however, will send NPIC a proposal which will merely offer [REDACTED] services when, and to the extent, needed. It should arrive within two weeks.

3. Mr. [REDACTED] OC Training Officer, has asked [REDACTED] for a list of the programmed materials available in trigonometry, algebra, calculus, relays switches, and "klyphons", for possible use in a self-instructional training program for OC people.

4. On 26 October, [REDACTED] met with several psychologists from the Army's Personnel Research Office who have been devoting much time to the investigation of problems of photo interpretation. Their three-hour briefing reported an impressive amount of research completed, or under way, in this area, some of which may have direct relevance to the design of training materials for NPIC. They called our attention to an Air Force symposium on photo interpretation, to be held at Griffiss AFB, Rome, New York, on 7-8 November, which [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], NPIC, are now planning to attend. They also offered us copies of a selection battery for photo interpreters which they have recently developed, which we have since formally requested from General Beach, head of the Army's Research and Development Command. Future contracts with this knowledgeable and dedicated group should continue to be rewarding.

5. On 26 October, a contract psychologist from the [REDACTED] was in Washington working with [REDACTED] DD/OCR, on the program which [REDACTED] has been developing for use in the Intelligence Subject Code course. Both instructors, as well as [REDACTED], were well pleased with the progress so far. It is anticipated that the contract, involving the preparation of approximately eight hours of programmed materials, will be completed by Christmas.

6. [REDACTED] has begun to spend most of his time at the Stuart Building, familiarizing himself with the work of the NPIC photo interpreter.

7. The assessment of the class of January, 1963 JOT's already on board will begin on 15 November 1962. On this date written assessment procedures will be administered to approximately 18 JOT's.

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8. C/AB/A&E has been reviewing the qualifications of Internal JOT candidates with JO/TO [REDACTED]. At the moment approximately 15 people seem worth further processing. Assessment of these people will begin on 20 November 1962 at which time written assessment procedures will be administered.

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